Part 601. Air Contaminants for Construction Compared With 29 C.F.R. 1926.55 Gases, vapors, fumes, dust, and mists.

Summary: The significant differences between Part 601. Air Contaminants for Construction and 1926.55 Gases, vapors, fumes, dust, and mists are in:

Construction air contaminants rules

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R 325.60151 Construction air contaminants.

Rule 1. Respirators shall be used in a manner that is in compliance with R 325.60051 et seq., Part 451. respiratory protection.

- (3) R 325.51401 et seq., Part 302. vinyl chloride, of the MIOSHA Occupational Health Standards for General Industry applies to the exposure of every employee to vinyl chloride in every employment and place of employment covered by these rules in place of any different standard on exposure to vinyl chloride that would otherwise be applicable by virtue of subrule (1) of this rule.
- (4) These rules replace O.H. rule 6201.
- (5) The "Threshold Limit Values (TLV) of the American Converence of Governmental Industrial Hygienists (A.C.G.I.H.) for 1970" appear in R 325.60153 to R 325.60161. The Threshold Limit Values identified in these administrative rules as Maximum Allowable Concentrations (MAC) are specified in the rules that follow.

R 325.60153 Contaminants; exposures; MAC.

Rule 3. (1) An employer shall not allow an employee to be exposed to a contaminant at concentrations in excess of the MAC as listed in R 325.60154 to R 325.60161.

(2) An employer shall not allow an employee to be exposed to a contaminant or combination of contaminants in concentrations that are hazardous or injurious to the person's health.

R 325.60154 Maximum allowable concentrations.

- **Rule 4**. (1) Maximum allowable concentrations of air contaminants based on a repeated 8-hour work day exposure are listed in tables 1 to 7 in R 325.60155 to R 325.60161.
- (2) A substance in tables 1 to 6 that is preceded by the letter A, C, or S is an especially hazardous contaminant and all the following precautions shall be taken:
- (a) If the substance is preceded by the letter "A", then an employer shall ensure that an employee or any part of an employee's anatomy is not exposed to, or allowed to come in contact with, the substance by means of any respiratory, oral, or skin route.
- (b) If the substance is preceded by the letter "C", then its MAC means the highest concentration at which an employer may allow a person to be exposed at any time. This concentration is commonly referred to as a "ceiling."
- (c) If the substance is preceded by the letter "S", then an employer shall ensure that precautions are taken to prevent skin absorption.

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- (b) Whenever respirators are used, their use shall comply with 1926.103.
- (c) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to the exposure of employees to airborne asbestos, tremolite, anthophyllite, or actinolite dust. Whenever any employee is exposed to airborne asbestos, tremolite, anthophyllite, or actinolite dust, the requirements of 1910.1101 or 1926.58 of this title shall apply.
- (d) Paragraphs (a) and (b) of this section do not apply to the exposure of employees to formaldehyde. Whenever any employee is exposed to formaldehyde, the requirements of 1910.1048 of this title shall apply.

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